

Canal du Midi Montpellier

10 days / 9 nights

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Travel on your own boat !

River Cruise – No permit
or experience needed

Day 1 : Arrival at Montpellier

After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, your private transfer will be waiting in the arrivals area to provide your transfer to the hotel in Montpellier.

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the city.

The place de la Comédie, Montpellier's iconic heart, is the top place to visit. Once known as the Place de l'Oeuf (Egg Square) because of its oval shape, it is one of the largest pedestrian precincts in Europe and is



dominated by the imposing Opéra Comédie. In the centre, the 'Three Graces' stand proudly, a fountain and statue built in 1773.

For dinner you can perhaps choose one of 3 Michelin star restaurants in addition to other simpler cafes or stroll to Lez Market for some fresh cheese, meat and bread to create your own feast.

Overnight: 3* Royal Hotel or similar



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Day 2 : Montpellier

After breakfast, you might like to visit the Musée Fabre de Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole. This museum is considered to be one of the finest Fine Arts Museums in Europe – its ancient and modern architecture makes it quite exceptional. It houses European works from the Renaissance to the present day and has a wing devoted exclusively to contemporary artist, Pierre Soulages.

Montpellier boasts numerous tiny medieval streets, which bear testament to its proud past. Rue de la Valfère, Rue du Bras de Fer, Rue de L'Argenterie are sure to take you back in time and introduce you to a whole new world...

Our recommendation? Forget all about your map, and just follow your instincts as you wind your way along these narrow streets. Why not go shopping in the boutiques with their vaulted ceilings and visit designers, antique dealers and tearooms, or see some art at Carré Ste Anne, Galerie St Ravy.

Overnight: 3* Royal Hotel or similar



Day 3 : Montpellier – Narbonne Le Boat Base

After breakfast this morning, you have some spare time to continue to explore the city as the private transfer will about 2pm as it only takes about an hour to travel to Narbonne and your boat pick-up time is 4pm.

At Le Boat office you will need to complete some forms but once all relevant paperwork has been completed, you will be taken to your boat where you will be shown how everything on the boat works from the heating, hot water to the gas oven and kitchen appliances. You will also be given a boat handling demonstration so that you and the other guests are able to take the boat out on the water and practice steering and manoeuvring under the guidance and supervision of one of Le Boat team.

Day 3 to 10 : Cruising the Canal

As you can see by the map, there are many different areas that you can cruise to depending on where your interests – whether it is wine tasting, history and culture or the beauty of nature.

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After departing Narbonne, you have the choice of heading right down the Canal da la Robine towards the coast or heading left which leads to the main Canal du Midi. From there, if you choose to turn right where you will head towards Port Cassafrieres.

By turning left, you will head down the canal towards Toulouse. The itinerary below is just a small sample of what can be seen as you cruise from Narbonne as far as Carcassonne which involves about 18 hours of cruising time. In order to enjoy your experience, we suggest that you cruise somewhere between 2 and 3 hours per day. You are free to cruise as far and as long as you wish as long as you return the boat to the correct base in the time allotted to you by 9am on the last day of the rental.



Argeliers :

In Argeliers, is a 700m stroll along a tree-lined avenue and into town will take you to a handful of restaurants, a grocery store, a butcher, two bakeries and a café-bar.

Le Somail :

Le Somail was once an important harbour for trade and served as a rest stop for passengers coming from Sete or from Toulouse. Nowadays, it is a beautiful little Languedoc village home to some nice restaurants, a couple of artist studios and a grocery store.

Stop here to find a wonderful antiquarian bookshop, 'Le Trouve Tout du Livre' – literally translated as 'The Find All Book', with its collection of over 50,000 books from cheap paperbacks to rare editions. A true delight for readers old and young and the perfect spot to pick up some holiday reading.

In a wonderful piece of canal quirky-ness, in Le Somail, you'll find a grocery barge offering fresh bread, pastries and basic groceries. So, you can do your shopping without ever leaving the waterway! For fresh bread and pastries, it is recommended that you pre-order in advance though.

Homps :

The small village of Homps, where Le Boat also have a base, was for a long time an active trading port where barrels of Minervois and Corbières wine were loaded for their journey to Bordeaux. o

The waterside buildings testify to these bygone days.

There is a grocery store, a small selection of restaurants, a wine-shop and a café-bar in the village.

One of the best reasons to stop at Homps though, is that for the fitter canal cruiser it is possible to cycle to Minerve (12kms away) from Homps. Or, alternatively you could always catch.

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Trèbes :

Le Boat has a base in the thriving town of Trèbes, and whether you are starting your journey here or are passing through. Trèbes is a great spot to take in charming local French culture.

Trèbes is also an ideal place to sample the excellent local delicacies. You'll find fantastic wine, either served alongside tapas or to take away, at 'Les Vignes de Bacchus'.

Or stop off at 'Domaine des Pères', owned by Olive growers for three generations, to find superb olive oil and its derivative products - such as soap, sold alongside local honey, pates and traditionally made beers.

Carcassonne :

The famous city of Carcassonne is composed of two different parts: the medieval fortified city (upper town), complete with its world-famous citadel, impressively lords over the often-overlooked St. Louis Bastide (lower town).

The citadel of Carcassonne is the second most visited tourist attraction in France, behind only the Eiffel tower. And, as you catch a glimpse of its fairy-tale turrets and imposing walls when you approach the city, you'll soon understand why!

A UNESCO World Heritage site, this fortified medieval, walled city is unique in Europe due to its size and its state of conservation. It is renowned for its double wall of ramparts running nearly 3km around the perimeter and spectacular 53 conical-roofed towers.

Meanwhile, the sleepier half of the city, St Louis Bastide, is the perfect contrast to the hubbub of the citadel, complete with oodles of history and a pleasant square – perfect for a leisurely stroll

Day 10 : Narbonne Le Boat Base - Montpellier

After you've returned your boat to Le Boat staff at 9am, your private transfer will take you to the Montpellier Airport for your flight.



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The package includes:

- Private transfers from Montpellier Airport to hotel
- 2 night's stay in the 3* Royal Hotel or similar in double occupancy
- Private transfer from Montpellier Hotel to the Narbonne Boat Base
- 7-night boat rental as chosen
- Silver Bundle package (30 hours boat fuel/wear and tear time, CDW Insurance reduction amount)
- End of boat rental cleaning fees
- Bike Rental – maximum 2 adults
- Private transfers from Narbonne Boat Base to the Montpellier Airport

The package does not include:

- Mooring fees
- Tips
- Meals unless mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Fuel deposit of EUR 275 required by Le Boat
- CDW Excess of EUR 250 held against your credit card (but refundable if Le Boat conditions are met)



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